

Value Added to Local Students, Schools and Districts NC Department of Public Instruction • State Board of Education

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1. Home Base

Home Base, North Carolina's suite of digital tools and resources, personalizes learning for students and saves the state and local districts \$33 million a year. Included in the suite at no charge to districts are the required components, Powerschool, the Student Information System, and Truenorthlogic, the teacher evaluation and state-level professional development platform. Districts can choose to purchase Schoolnet, Canvas and the capacity to use the Truenorthlogic system to provide local professional development.

Educator Effectiveness/Professional Development – NCDPI provides online and blended learning professional development for teachers and other educators. Nearly 190,000 educators have taken these courses at no cost to them, **saving educators approximately \$56 million** at current market rate for online learning.

Student Information for Parents – The Powerschool Parent Portal receives an average of **180,672 daily log-ins from parents.** This saves parents and teachers time as they work together to support students.

Schoolnet — This digital tool in Home Base provides instruction and assessment resources. In 2015-16 there were more than 20.7 million logins to Schoolnet. There are approximately 175,000 instructional resources and 163,000 assessment items in the Schoolnet system.

2. Medicaid Funds

The NCDPI Exceptional Children's division is now working on obtaining up to <u>\$50 million</u> new dollars in Medicaid funds for public schools to serve Exceptional Children, through its work on state Medicaid reform.

3. Charter School Federal Grant

NCDPI's Office of Charter Schools has applied for a grant from the U.S. Department of Education to help increase access for educationally disadvantaged students to high quality public charter schools. The proposal is a product of strong collaboration between NCDPI, the NC Charter Schools Advisory Board, and public charter school advocates, including the NC Public Charter Schools Association and NC Parents for Educational Freedom. The proposed \$30 million, three-year federal grant would enable NCDPI staff to provide competitive planning and implementation of sub-grants to support the start up of additional high quality public charter schools.

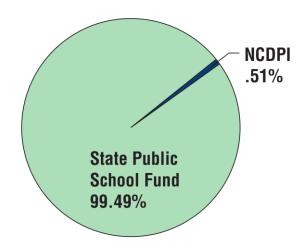
4. District and School Transformation

Thanks to NCDPI's DST division, students in the state's lowest performing schools are learning at higher levels and at a faster pace, making it more likely that they will stay in school and graduate on time. The cost at the state level is \$4.2 million to serve these schools and districts, a modest cost to improve long-term outcomes for students.

5. SchoolWorks/P20-W Longitudinal Data System

NCDPI has garnered federal grants totaling \$3.7 million (plus a solid opportunity for up to \$12 million more in the next federal grant cycle). This work also benefits UNC-GA NCCCS, NCICU and DOC, to create a statewide longitudinal data system to provide information critical to making good policy decisions at the state and local levels across all levels of public education and into the workforce.

NCDPI's Overall Share of General Fund Support for Public Schools



DPI State-Funded Positions (no transfers)

